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From: McClain-Vanderpool, Lisa [Mcclain-Vanderpool.Lisa@epa.gov]
Sent: 4/5/2017 10:36:20 PM
To: Cirian, Mike [Cirian.Mike@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: ABC Fox Montana inquiry (with proposed responses) re: CFAC site (Montana)

Great – appreciate your time Mike!

From: Cirian, Mike
Sent: Wednesday, April 5, 2017 4:15 PM
To: McClain-Vanderpool, Lisa <Mcclain-Vanderpool.Lisa@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: ABC Fox Montana inquiry (with proposed responses) re: CFAC site (Montana)

Hi Lisa,

I just got a chance to read this. I think it's good enough to go. Thanks for your patience

Mike

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 5, 2017, at 2:24 PM, McClain-Vanderpool, Lisa <Mcclain-Vanderpool.Lisa@epa.gov> wrote:

Okay – only if you think it's really necessary to add more.

From: Cirian, Mike
Sent: Wednesday, April 5, 2017 2:23 PM
To: McClain-Vanderpool, Lisa <Mcclain-Vanderpool.Lisa@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: ABC Fox Montana inquiry (with proposed responses) re: CFAC site (Montana)

Sorry Lisa, I have been trying to answer some of this. There is a little more we can tell them that will help. I will get to it asap.

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From: McClain-Vanderpool, Lisa
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Subject: FW: ABC Fox Montana inquiry (with proposed responses) re: CFAC site (Montana)

Mike – I got approval from HQ so hoping you can check Rich and Robert's work below.

- 1) Designated superfund site correct? Will the budget cuts affect this clean up at all? And if it will how? Will there be enough money to cover the clean up? Partial clean up? How much money is being set aside for CFAC clean up? How long will clean up take?
 - Yes – The site was listed to the National Priorities List September 2016.EPA is not commenting on the FY 2017 budget at this early stage in the process. Under an agreement with EPA, Glencore/CFAC is providing funds for SF related activity, including recent site investigation and sampling work. \$4 million has been set aside to cover the costs of the investigation work. The results of the investigation will eventually identify specific cleanup needs and options. Discussions regarding specific cleanup needs and actions will be based on that evaluation.
- 2) Compared to Libby asbestos situation how bad is the contamination? Is it as bad? Not that bad? How will residents in Columbia Falls be affected? Health wise? Are old workers who used to work at CFAC health impacted? How so?

The sites are very different. The Libby, Montana site involved a different contamination source and exposure pathways affecting residents. For the CFAC site, Glencore/CFAC is currently conducting a site investigation under the Superfund (SF) process to determine the nature extent of contamination. Currently, EPA, the community, and others are evaluating the initial sampling data released last month. To date, there is no information indicating exposure pathways affecting residents. Primary concerns include on-site soils and groundwater impacts, as well as potential impacts to the Flathead River. While the site investigation is ongoing, data released last week suggest limited/minimal off-site impacts.

A human health risk assessment will be conducted at the site to determine potential risks to human health as a result of the contamination at the site. This assessment includes former CFAC workers. Results of that assessment will be made public when they are available.

- 3) Was there any settlement money with the company like the WR Grace settlement?

No. Under an agreement with EPA, Glencore/CFAC is providing funds for and conducting site investigation activities under the SF process.

- 4) What should residents in Columbia Falls be concerned about? Educated about?

EPA has been working with the Columbia Falls community to identify and address their concerns and how best to deliver information. Please take a look at the draft community involvement plan for the CFAC Site that outlines community concerns.

EPA will be meeting with Columbia Falls City council on April 17th and joining the Community Liaison Panel public meeting on April 19th.